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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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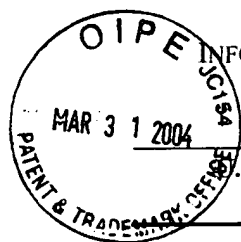
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Dear Mike:

Regarding the above-referenced German patent application, please be informed that we have received a first Official Communication from the German Patent and Trademark Office, to which a response is due by the extended term of

March 5, 2004.

Please find enclosed copies of a translation of the Official Communication, our report letter to Paul Drake, and any cited prior art documents. We will discuss the further procedure with both AMD legal and the inventor and will then inform you again of our filed response.

Very truly yours,

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Encls: Translation of Official Communication
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